

THE SECRET SERVICE CONTROVERSY

Vigourous Reply by the President to Attack
Made on that Branch of the Government.

MEN HAVE RENDERED GREAT SERVICE

In Securing Conviction of Many Criminals of Desperate Character and Other Offenders of Great Wealth and of Political and General Prominence—Chief Wilkie One of the Main Standbys of the Government.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Roosevelt added another stirring chapter today to the secret service controversy, in a vigorous and lengthy reply to the attacks made on this branch of the government in a report made recently by Senator Hemenway of the senate committee on appropriations. He was thus assigned on different occasions, for instance to the state and navy departments; but above all to the interior department and the department of justice. During the seven years of my administration they were instruments in bringing to justice great numbers of criminals.

Senator Hennighway in this report upheld the limitation of the scope of the secret service, asserted that it was never the intention of congress to build up a "spy" system and with evidence from the attorney general of the report, the president declared that the limitation of the use of the secret service had been in force when the

Personal and family funds were unearched a few years ago, a senator, a representative, and various men of wealth and high political influence, who at that time were convicted, would all have escaped punishment.

Hemenway's Report is Misleading.

The president's letter is addressed to the people of the United States, and is a criminal record of desperate character and of many other offenders of great wealth and of social and political prominence. In not one single instance during these seven years has it been shown that their action jeopardized any man who was not connected with transnational corporations. In not a single instance has it been

To Act—Chairman Hale of the senate appropriations committee. It is dated February 19 and in part is as follows:

"I have seen the report presented by Senator Hiram Bingham on behalf of your committee in reference to the secret service matter. The report is inaccurate and misleading in various places. It shows that the committee shown that they took any but preposterous steps against a criminal. No pretense has been made that they did not do their work against criminals efficiently."

Chief Wilkie the Right Man in the Right Place.

"I desire to put on record my sincere appreciation of the work of Chief Wilkie the Right Man in the Right Place."

Important respects and I desire to make certain corrections in reference to statements which appear therein, and in the subsequent debate.

Secret Service Has Rendered Invaluable Assistance.

"Until last year, the secret service, a small body of 80 or 70 men in the phatic belief that the secret service under Chief Wilkie has been composed of men of an exceptionally high grade of character and capacity, who have rendered exceptional service to the public, and that Chief Wilkie himself, in a very trying and responsible position, has shown qualities of the highest order."

treasury department, under Chief Wilde, was practically the only body of public servants engaged almost purely in criminal investigation. The secret service men were assigned at different times to different departments to investigate crime and criminals. They

<p>Taft Cabinet Complete WITH ONE EXCEPTION</p> <p>Selection of a Secretary of the Treasury Not Yet Filled.</p> <p>Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—President-</p>	<p>SOUTH OMAHA MOB WRECK HOMES OF GREEKS</p> <p>Ten Buildings Were Attacked—Foreigners Fired into the Mob.</p> <p>Omaha, Neb., Feb. 21.—A mob of</p>
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fleet Tatt arrived here this morning from Cincinnati, and with Mrs. Tatt, who came over from New York to join him, is the guest of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell in his Walnut street home. A conference took place between the president-elect and Frank H. Hitchcock, who came here at the request of Mr. Tatt. Frank P. Fullerton, who has

Mr. Taft admits he is making headway in the selection of a secretary of the treasury, but maintains that the place is not yet filled. Franklin McVeagh and Myron T. Herrick are two of the men under consideration. With this exception the Taft cabinet is

complete, and when officially promulgated shortly before his inauguration, will be found as follows:

Secretary of State—Philander C. Knox of New York.

Attorney General—George W. Wickes of New York.

Secretary of War—J. M. Dickinson of Tennessee.

Only birdshot was used and the boys are not thought to be seriously hurt. A second riot call was sent in at six o'clock and additional police were hurried to the scene.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 12.—At 9 o'clock tonight the mob again began depredations and riot calls came in from various districts.

Secretary of the Navy—George von L. Meyer of Massachusetts.
Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Charles Nagel of Missouri.
Secretary of the Interior—R. A. Baileinger of Washington.
Postmaster General—Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts.

It will be observed that in this list are five lawyers, of whom Mr. Taft believes there are none better in the country.

The latest acquisition—J. M. Dickinson of Tennessee—accepted the war portfolio at the hands of Mr. Taft in

Mr. Dickinson will give up the position of general solicitor for the Illinois Central railway system, and a salary of \$35,000 a year, to become a cabinet minister.

EARTH SHOCKS IN SPAIN,
attributed to volcanic action.

CHURCHGOERS IN PANIC.
Women and Children Trapped Under
Foot—Camping in Open Fields.

Alicante, Spain, Feb. 31.—Severe early shocks were experienced throughout the district today as a result of the earthquake. The quake began early this morning. The shaking was very violent at first. The buildings were destroyed, but all the occupants escaped. At Omaha, Neb., Feb. 31.—After an afternoon and evening of rioting by 3,000 men and boys bent on driving Germans from South Omaha, the police late tonight quelled the disturbances after the mob had wrecked or burned more than thirty buildings and injured more

first occurring at about 4 a. m. The most serious shock, which came while the people were assembled at mass in the village church, caused a panic among the congregation, who rushed to the doors, throwing down and trampling under foot a score or more of women and children. The furniture in

As violence was occurring and grocery stores and windows pane broken. At 10:45 p. m. about 10,000 inhabitants, situated about eighteen miles from Alicante, there were two severe shocks between 8 and 8.30 a. m. Houses rocked and swayed at an alarming angle and the people ran to the countryside in dire terror. They

rolled and pitched like a log

Newport, R. I., Feb. 21.—For twenty hours yesterday the crew of the Nantuxet Shoa's lightship, No. 8, were hauled below decks with hatches lashed down, and the lightship rolling and pitching like a log in the severest gale ever encountered. The crew, with a third, beating him as they went. The police took the man away from the crowd and took all three of the injured men to the police station.

ever encountered. In spite of the gale it was necessary for the operators to man the wireless tower and by means of lifelines this duty was performed. One man, however, was compelled to remain on watch eighteen hours, unable on account of the pitching of the vessel to leave the tower. The ship's

Congregational Church Burned.
Wakefield, Mass., Feb. 21.—A spectacular fire today destroyed the First Congregational church, one of the finest structures in the town, causing a loss estimated at \$125,000, partially

insured. The blaze started in the base-
ment from defective wiring.